

Settlement, or the Territories or Dependencies thereof, from any Part of His Majesty's Dominions, shall be subject to any Duty.

And it is His Majesty's Pleasure, that no Goods, Wares or Merchandize, the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of the Countries to the Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, be imported into the said Settlement, or the Territories or Dependencies thereof, except by the United Company of Merchants trading to the East Indies; and that no such Goods, Wares or Merchandize, be permitted to be exported from thence, except for Sea Stores only, or by the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, or by their Licence.

But it is His Majesty's Pleasure that nothing in this Order contained shall extend to prevent Ships or Vessels employed in the Southern Whale Fishery from carrying on the same in such and the same Manner as might have been done if this Order had not been made.

And it is also His Majesty's Pleasure, that no Arms or Artillery, Gunpowder or Ammunition, of any Sort, be allowed to be imported into the said Settlement, or the Territories or Dependencies thereof, except by the said United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, or by Licence from His Majesty.

And it is His Majesty's further Pleasure, that the Trade and Commerce to and from the said Settlement, and the Territories and Dependencies thereof, shall be subject to such of the Laws of Trade and Navigation as would have affected the same if this Order had not been made, except so far as such Laws are contrary to this present Order.

And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

Admiralty-Office, January 7, 1797.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain William Carthew, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Regulus, to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated in Latitude 20 deg. 18 min. North, Longitude 33 deg. 46 min. West, the 11th of November, 1796.*

S I R,

I Beg Leave to acquaint you, that on Wednesday the 2d of November, at One P. M. a Sail was discovered, bearing about South from us, to which I gave Chace, and upon nearing her could discover she was a Ship of War, and at which Time she bore up, quartering, having been upon a Wind before, which gave Suspicion of her being an Enemy. At Ten, P. M. came within Hale; and as she would not heave-to, or say of what Nation she was, a

Broadside was given, upon which she struck, and proved to be the San Pio, Spanish Corvette, of Eighteen Guns and One Hundred and Forty Men. Having the Day before received Intelligence that Admiral Man's Squadron had been chased by the Spanish Fleet, and also that they had taken an Hospital Ship from us, I deemed it justifiable to detain her.

The Corvette was detained in Latitude 36 deg. 18 min. North, 19 deg. 10 min. West Longitude, having sailed from Cadiz the 10th of October, on a Cruize of Six Weeks, Twenty Days of which were unexpired, and had taken nothing.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

W. CARTHEW.

Admiralty-Office, January 7, 1797.

*Copy of a Letter from the Hon. Captain Colvill, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Star, to Ewan Nepean, dated at Spithead, the 21st of December, 1796.*

S I R,

I Beg you will inform their Lordships, that His Majesty's Sloop under my Command captured, Yesterday, off the Isle of Wight, a small French Cutter Privateer called Le Coup d'Essai, mounting Two Carriage Guns, well found in Small Arms, and carrying Twenty-eight Men.

She had taken, a few Hours before we fell in with her, a light Brig, called the Anne, of Newcastle, which she had sent off for Cherbourg: We immediately made sail in Pursuit of her, and were enabled to recapture her.

I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

JOHN COLVILL.

*Whitehall, January 7, 1797.*

By Dispatches received this Day by his Grace the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and Mr. Pelham, dated the 3d and 4th Instant, it appears that a Part of the French Fleet had returned to Bantry Bay, and that a further Part had been seen off the Mouth of the Shannon; but that both Divisions had quitted their Stations, and put to Sea, on the Evening of the 2d Instant, without attempting a Landing.

The Accounts of the Disposition of the Country, where the Troops are assembled, are as favourable as possible; and the greatest Loyalty has manifested itself throughout the Kingdom; and in the South and West, where the Troops have been in Motion, they have been met by the Country People of all Descriptions, with Provisions and all Sorts of Accommodations, to facilitate their March; and every Demonstration has been given of the Zeal and Ardour of the Nation to oppose the Enemy in every Place where it could be supposed a Descent might be attempted.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, December 30, 1796.*

Notice is hereby given, that there will be no Drawing-Room at St. James's till the 18th of January, 1797, when Her Majesty's Birth-Day will be kept.

*Westminster, January 7, 1797.*

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Ellis, of Halifax in the County of York, Gent. to be a Master